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The Honorable Stansfield Turner
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Dear Admiral:

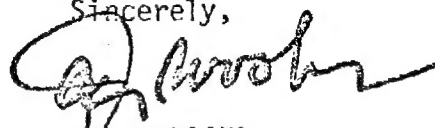
Recent TV programs appearing on ABC's 20/20 Newsmagazine have raised serious concerns about LIFESPRING training, a controversial self-help group, reportedly given to members of the military, the government, and even to a group of nuclear engineers working on Three Mile Island. The LIFESPRING's activities have allegedly caused death and injury to some who have participated in its self-awareness training.

The Surgeon General noted that LIFESPRING has considerable potential for emotional harm. I believe that LIFESPRING training given to government employees is of significant enough importance to warrant a thorough investigation to forestall injury to personnel and possible "brainwashing".

I would appreciate it if you would provide me with information about the extent of LIFESPRING training occurring in your agency, particularly the identifying number of contracts awarded for LIFESPRING training, the amounts of contract prices and phone numbers of the contracting officers administering these contracts. Also, advise whether individual LIFESPRING training has been authorized on a case-by-case basis for employees of your agency and, if so, please provide the cost of such training.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,



JACK BROOKS
Chairman